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PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE STATE'S PROPOSED CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND PLAN

WHAT:

The Tennessee Department of Human Services will conduct three (3) public hearings to receive comments on the state's proposed Child Care and Development Fund plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for funding the **Fiscal Year 2014-2015.**

The Child Care and Development Fund provides funding to state programs that offer assistance to low-income families through subsidized child care, activities and services to improve the quality and availability of child care, and the regulation of child care agencies throughout the state. Services are provided either directly by the state or through contracts with local governments and non-profit agencies.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at three regional locations (*please note time zones*):

6:30-7:30 p.m. (CST) 6:30-7:30 p.m. (CST) 6:30-7:30 p.m. (EST)

WHERE: Citizens Plaza Building Southwest Community UT College of Social

2nd Floor, Cumberland College Work

River Board Room Nabors Auditorium Conference Rm. 304 400 Deaderick Street 5983 Macon Cove 600 Henley Street Nashville, TN 37243 Memphis, TN 38132 Knoxville, TN 37996

HEARING

OFFICER: Nicole Armstrong Telesa Taylor Paul Helton

MORE: Information concerning the hearings, or requests for copies of the proposed plan,

should be addressed to Joyce Turner, Interim Director of Child Care Services, or David Shirk, Coordinator II, Tennessee Department of Human Services, 400

Deaderick Street, 9th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Or send e-mail to:

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Comments on the proposal will be accepted until 8:00 p.m. CST on June 11, 2013 by either letter or e-mail. The draft proposal will be available prior to the date of the public hearings at: http://state.tn.us/humanserv/adfam/cc_main.html

Any individual with a disability who wishes to participate in this public hearing should contact DHS in person, in writing, or by telephone at least 10 days prior to the public hearing date to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation.

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